

FISHIN' POLE, PACK & PADDLE

FLOAT FISHERMEN OF VIRGINIA

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NEWS FLASH!

The location of the winter meeting has been moved to the Slate River Property in Cumberland, VA due to a scheduling conflict. Please note that the meeting time and date is still

Saturday December 3rd at 11:00 AM.

Directions are located below, we look forward to seeing you there!

From Points West And North:

- I-64 E to US-15 exit, EXIT 136, toward Gordonsville/Palmyra.
- Turn right onto James Madison Hwy/US-15 S.
- Turn right onto Bridgeport Rd/VA-652.
- Property is on the left after you cross the Slate River.

From Points South:

- Merge onto US-29 N toward Lynchburg.
- Turn right onto Colonial Hwy/VA-24.
- Turn left onto Brookneal Hwy/US-501/Village Hwy. Continue to follow Village Hwy.
- Turn right onto Richmond Hwy/US-460 E/VA-24 E.
- Take the VA-24 E/VA-131 S ramp toward Route 60/Appomattox.
- Turn left onto VA-24/VA-131/Old Courthouse Rd. Continue to follow VA-24.
- Turn slight right onto W James Anderson Hwy/US-60 E.
- Turn left onto US-15 N/S James Madison Hwy. Continue to follow US-15 N.
- Turn left onto Bridgeport Rd/VA-652.
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From Points East:

- Take VA Route 6 West towards Fork Union
- From Fork Union, continue straight and follow signs for James Madison Hwy/US-15 S.
- Turn right onto Bridgeport Rd/VA-652.
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LABOR DAY MEETING NOTES

President Brian Vande Sande called the meeting to order at Whitt Riverbend Park on the New River and asked for reports.

Minutes for the Memorial Day meeting were approved as printed in the Fishin' Pole Pack and Paddle.

There were no reports available from the treasurer, membership coordinator, newsletter editor or webmaster.

CONSERVATION

Chair Bill Tanger passed out information about a nominee for the Randy Carter award, outlined progress on access issues, and reported on a state advisory panel that will assist in rewriting dam regulations. In relation to access, a law suit on the Jackson River is calling attention to public rights versus private rights. In another access issue, a joint permitting application to the Explore Park Board will also go to state agencies, the Army Corps of Engineers and APCO for final approval. A company has volunteered to help put in a parking lot and steps with a slide that will provide access to the Roanoke River at the contested site. In relation to access on the James at its confluence with the Maury, CSX may donate ½ mile of the old towpath along the river to the town of Glasgow as a town park. A culvert needs to be put in as well as a debris shelter under the railroad bridge to improve access at Locher Landing. Unofficial take outs along the Balcony Falls run have been fenced off or blocked by felled trees; several anonymous boaters have cleared the felled trees. CSX has attempted to block these take outs based on concerns that boaters dragging canoes and kayaks across the railroad tracks will short out communications — aluminum boats will do this but not plastic. A park in Montgomery County is under development that could provide access to Stroubles Creek. A “Virginia Regulatory Town Hal” will assist in developing revised rules for putting in new dams. The members of the State’s advisory panel for dam regulations will be selected by the Department of Environmental Quality. A notice calling for comments before final regulations are formalized will allow for boaters’ and fishermen’s input.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion continued on changing the deadline for newsletter material to be submitted so the editor can get newsletters in the mail sooner. It was suggested that newsletters go out on the first of the month prior to any state FFV events.

LABOR DAY MEETING NOTES (CONTINUED)

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NEW BUSINESS

A petition requesting that the state legislature examine and possibly change laws which currently can be used to prohibit boating and fishing on certain sections of Virginia's rivers was circulated for signatures. Two issues are involved: one is the King's land grants that give property ownership of the river bottoms and the fish in sections of the granted rivers to land owners; the second has to do with access based on the navigability of waterways.

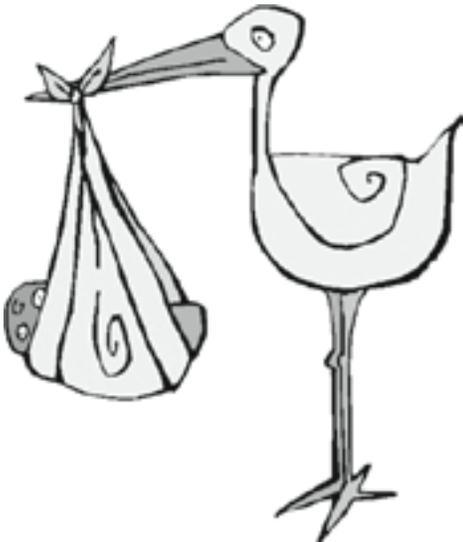
Brian Van de Sande will be contacting Jim Garner to see if Cumberland is available for the FFV state Winter meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brian alerted members to check the obituaries for details about memorials for Margaret Straswer, a longtime member of the Randy Carter chapter.

Jay Graves' cabin will be available for rental if members are interested.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



**We would like to welcome our newest members
to the FFV Family:**

*Mitch & Jenn Sims welcomed Brooke Hadley
into the world on March 30, 2011.*

*Bryon & Wendy Jones welcomed Regan Brooke
into the world on May 17, 2011.*

*Dan & Loren Jacobs welcomed Tucker Lawrence
into the world on July 13, 2011.*

*Travis & Erica Goode welcomed Blake Lee
into the world on November 11, 2011.*

Editor's Note

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**Happy Holiday from our family to yours!
Have a safe and wonderful holiday season
and we'll see you on the river in 2012!**